

DEPARTMENT OF STATE REVENUE

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Controlled Substance Excise Tax
For Tax Periods: 1995**

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ISSUE

1. CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE EXCISE TAX: IMPOSITION

Authority: IC 6-7-3-5

Taxpayer protests the assessment of Controlled Substance Excise Tax.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Taxpayer was arrested for visiting a common nuisance on September 26, 1995. 270.32 grams of cocaine were found at the location of the arrest. The Indiana Department of Revenue issued a record of Jeopardy Finding, Jeopardy Assessment Notice and Demand on September 28, 1995 in a base tax amount of \$10,812.80. Taxpayer filed a protest to the assessment on October 24, 1995. A hearing on the protest was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on September 24, 1998. Taxpayer was notified of the hearing at his last known address. Taxpayer did not appear for the hearing. Further facts will be provided as necessary.

Controlled Substance Excise Tax-Imposition

DISCUSSION

IC 6-7-3-5 imposes the Controlled Substance Excise Tax on the possession of cocaine in the State of Indiana. A police statement and the lab report indicate that Taxpayer was in possession of cocaine. Taxpayer has the burden of proving that the information in the file and assessment are incorrect. Since Taxpayer did not appear at the hearing or offer any written information in lieu of a hearing, the

Department must rely on the contents of the file in making a decision on the matter. Therefore, the tax properly applies to Taxpayer in this situation.

FINDING

Taxpayer's protest is denied.